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Dated: May 31, 2006

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(Marcus J. Millet)

Docket No.: TRANS 3.0-053 CIP  
(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Lopath et al.

Application No.: 10/635,170

Confirmation No.: 9166

Filed: August 6, 2003

Art Unit: 3739

For: BALLOON ALIGNMENT AND COLLAPSING  
SYSTEM

Examiner: P. J. Vrettakos

**COMMUNICATION REGARDING PETITION TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The present communication affects the Petition To Correct Inventorship Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a); To Accept Declarations Executed By Less Than All Joint Inventors Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a); And To Waive Requirements Of 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(2) As To One Joint Inventor Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.183 (hereinafter the "Petition") filed by applicants on May 8, 2006. Said Petition sought correction of inventorship in the above-captioned application, and alleged that Inventors John Hotmer and Edward Paul Harhen were "either unavailable" or have "refused to execute the declaration."

Inventor John Hotmer has since executed both the declaration reciting the correct inventive entity and a statement that the original error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intent on his part. Such declaration and statement are transmitted herewith. Accordingly, the only

inventor who has not executed the declaration is Edward Paul Harhen.

Applicants' Petition included a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.183 for waiver of the requirement of a statement that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on the part of inventor John Hotmer. That waiver is no longer necessary inasmuch as the statement by inventor Hotmer is enclosed.

Applicant's Petition also included a request to charge our Deposit Account 12-1095 in the amount of \$400 in respect of a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.183. It is respectfully requested that, since a waiver under § 1.183 is no longer required, such fee should not be charged or should be refunded.

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Respectfully submitted,

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STATEMENT BY JOHN HOTMER

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Dear Sir:

The present statement is being presented with a Request To Add Inventor Erroneously Not Named In Nonprovisional Application, to correct the inventorship in the above-referenced application from:

Patrick David Lopath and Edward Paul Harhen

to:

Patrick David Lopath, Edward Paul Harhen, Yegor Sinelnikov, James D. Savage, Jaime Merino, and John Hotmer.

As an inventor being added, I state that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on my part.

18 May 06  
DATE

JOHN HOTMER